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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference has been considered and made of record.

As a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above identified application, the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee to Applicant's attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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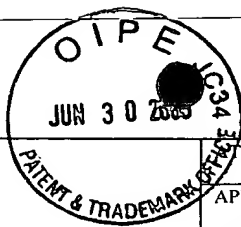
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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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